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# Public Retirement Systems Committee 19 November 2009

### Priorities of the Iowa State Police Association

- 1.) Identify that members of the 411 system receive restricted benefit levels in regards to the exclusion of overtime monies. Identify the increasing demand for public service in which municipalities rely on overtime monies to provide current levels of service and have included those monies as regularly budgeted funds,
- 2.) Address the Federal Windfall Elimination Provisions and the effect on 411 members,
- 3.) Address the Government Pension Offset and the effect on 411 members,
- 4.) Identify and acknowledge the management and success of the 411 system as a pension system with an established and successful history,
- 5.) Recommend no change to the 411 system at this current time. Recognize that change should be addressed during periods of financial stability absent circumstances of exigency.



# Overtime

Dept wide total spent on OT Less Dept w/Primarily Non-Sworn OT	<b>2004-2005</b> \$1,720,220.00	<b>2005-2006</b> \$1,978,847.00	<b>2006-2007</b> \$2,336,897.00	<b>2007-2008</b> \$2,762,267.00	<b>2008-2009</b> \$2,275,308.00
Communications Property Management Torts Records Radio Shop Meter Enforcement	-\$74,920.00 -\$996.00 -\$217.00 -\$102,231.00 -\$110.00 -\$12,297.00	-\$114,024.00 -\$3,566.00 -\$42,691.00 -\$269.00 -\$8,511.00	-\$159,314.00 -\$4,837.00 -\$55,738.00 -\$1,146.00 -\$2,774.00	-\$187,292.00 \$350.00 -\$4,625.00 -\$62,775.00 -\$5,138.00 \$2,080.00	-\$127,950.00 -\$4,908.00 -\$30,215.00 -\$1,096.00 -\$211.00
Divided by the Overtime Rate of a SPO	\$1,529,449.00 \$39.08	\$1,809,786.00	\$2,113,088.00	\$2,504,867.00	\$2,110,928.00
Approximate hours of Overtime Worked per year by Sworn Officers	39,136	\$40.25 44,964	\$41.55 50,857	\$42.90° 58,389	\$44.30 47,651

SPORTS

# UNI cooks up victory in new home

Panthers cruise to a win in the McLeod Center



Director and lowa Falls native John Whitesell builds off his success on the big screen with the comedy starring Danny DeVito and Matthew Broderick

# D.M. pays millions in overtime wages

# **OVERTIME**BY THE NUMBERS

#### \$26 million

Salaries for police officers in Des Moines last year. Overtime accounted or 71/2 percent of the budget.

## \$1.97 million

Overtime paid to Des Moines police officers last year.

# \$2.9 million

Total amount of overtime paid to Des Moines city employees last year

## Almost 50

The number of Des Moines officers who earned \$10,000 or more in overtime pay.

# \$57,000

The base salary for a Des Moines police officer. Some officers earned up to \$47,000 in overtime pay.

# OVERTIME BREAKDOWN

### Premium pay

- Communities paid millions of dollars in overtime. See a breakdown of the amount of overtime paid to police officers and city employees in 16 lowa cities. Page 4A
- Des Moines has the largest overtime budget in the state.
   See where the money is going.
   Page 4A

#### **SEARCHABLE** SALARY DATABASE

Search a database of payroll information for 16 lowa cities at DesMoinesRegister.com/citysalaries



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Des Moines police officer John Wade worked traffic control near the end of October's Des Moines Marathon route. It cost more than \$14,000 to provide more than 100 police personnel for the run.

# Police officers easily account for biggest chunk of pie, but officials say it's cheaper than hiring additional personnel

By MELISSA WALKER

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Some Des Moines police officers increased their salaries by up to 80 percent last year with overtime pay earned mostly at special

events, parades and festivals. Police accounted for \$1.97 million of the \$2.9 million in overtime pay city employees earned in the budget year that ended June 30. About \$370.800 was reimbursed by organizers of the special events or through grants.

A Des Moines Register analysis

of payroll records from 16 lowa cities, including Des Moines' suburbs, showed that police departments account for the lion's

share of overtime expenses.

- The Des Moines' Police Department overspent its overtime budget by about \$375,000 last year and \$300,000 in 2004-05. The amount dues not include the cost of almost 70,000 hours in compensation time — hours that officers took off without using vacation or other personal time — awarded in lieu of overtime pay.

Davenport police officers were paid nearly \$700,000 of the

\$1.65 million in overtime for all city employees.

 Windsor Heights, the capital's smallest suburb, recorded \$35,643 in overtime pay overall; \$33,317 went to police.

Half of Windsor Height's 26 employees are police officers. They accumulate overtime when colleagues are sick, for work at events such as the Fourth of July celebration and Windsor Wonderland, or when they are on duty with a multicity narcotics task force, City Administrator

See OVERTIME, Page 4A

# Dissension from Bush insiders intensifies

One by one, officials speak out against the president or his polit

BY PETER BAKER

Washington, D.C. — The weeker ter the statue of former Iraqi Pres Saddam Hussein fell. Kenneth Adt and a couple of other promoters of Iraq war gathered at Vice President Cheney's residence to celebrate. The sion had been the "cakewalk" Adpredicted. Cheney and his guests their glasses, toasting President Buvictory. "It was a euphoric moment, man recalled.

Forty-three months later, the cak looks more like a death march, and man has broken with the Bush tea had an angry falling-out with Defens retary Donald Rumsfeld this fall. F. Cheney are no longer on speaking And he believes that "the president timately responsible" for what Adnow calls "the debacle that was Ira.

Adelman, a former Reagan admit tion official and onetime member See BUSH, Page 6A

#### Syria urges pullout

Syria's foreign minister calls for a timetabl the withdrawal of U.S. forces in hopes of e sectarian violence in Iraq. Page 6A

# Congress' blacks surg to power

They will wield historic clout, leads four committees and 17 subcommi

By JAMES ROSEN

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Washington, D.C. — Beyond sweeping Democrats back into power, the Nov. 7 elections yielded historic political power for blacks.

When the Huth Congress convenes in January, at least four black lawmakers will lead committees in the House and 17 will run subcommittees. Forty-two black representatives and one black senator — all Democrats — will join the

new legislative session. Rep. James Civburn of



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# D.M. police officers rack up nearly \$2 million in overtime

OVERTIME, from Page 1A

Marketa Oliver said.

"The police department is our largest personnel expenditure," she said. "We have more people in that department than in other areas of the city."

Elected leaders say overtime pay for police and other employees is cheaper for taxpayers than hiring more municipal workers. But some government watchdog groups disagree.

"Overtime is the dirty little secret in government — not that it's paid, but how much it's used." said Carl DeMaio, president of the Performance Institute in Washington, D.C., a nonpartisan organization that pushes for better government services through accountability and efficiency.

An institute study in San Diego last year found that many city employees were paid more than \$100,000 a year when overtime pay was added. DeMaio said overtime can be an effective tool to reduce overall personnel costs, but it constitutes abuse when employees nearly double their salaries or when it goes only to higher paid senior workers.

Des\_Moines\_Police\_Chief William McCarthy said senior officers get first shot at extra shifts. Almost 50 officers received \$10.000 or more; some earned up to \$47,000 in overtime over their \$57,000 base salary.

Senior Officer Clay Blanchard worked L010 hours of overtime, worth \$40,667. Blanchard said he worked the extra hours for personal reasons and to make more money. Most of the time was spent at events and parades, and on patrol at a low-income housing complex and Birdland Park.

Blanchard said the extra shifts are relatively easy work, primarily traffic control, although he sometimes feels the form of working extra hours because he primarily works the night shift.

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City Manager Rick Clark said last year's police overtime numbers were driven by about 100 special events, including political rallies and presidential visits, staged in Des Moines.

"It's really hard to build a system that would accommodate all of these special events we have with permanent staff," Clark said. "The idea of using overtime to fund those events makes perfect sense to me. It's a very efficient, effective way

to accomplish that."

He and others say overtime more than offsets the cost of health benefits and training for the number of new employees that would be needed to handle the workload.

"It may seem at first blush that some of these numbers are high, but adding people over the long haul can be expensive, because of benefits." said Tom Bredeweg, executive director of the lowa League of Cities.

Overtime represented 7 apercent of the Des Moines Police Department's \$26 million in salaries last year. Overall, officials budgeted \$2.7 million for overtime, a 12 percent increase from the previous year. Overtime was \$224.000 over budget last year.

Clark said overtime "is something we have to watch and we have to monitor, but I'm not particularly alarmed, or I don't think there's necessarily a problem here."

The city's operating budget last year was about \$360 million.

The City Council in 2004 required event organizers to reimburse anything beyond the first \$1,000 it cost to provide a police presence. Almost \$86,000 was paid back last year. Expenses related to events such as presidential visits are not recouped, Clark said.

Jeff Riese, president of the Polk-Des Moines Taxpayers Association, said overtime can be reduced or controlled through privatization, better planning, and a thorough analysis of employees' workloads.

"If it's chronic overtime for certain individuals, then the city needs to evaluate that position and see if it takes one and a half employees to do the job," Riese said.

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McCarthy said the number of officers is inadequate to patrol the city, monitor events such as the Des Moines Marathon, and provide extra protection for political candidates and visiting officials without overtime.

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# Police department overtime

Des Moines and its suburbs and lowa's largest cities pay most of their overall overtime budgets to their police departments.

CITY	POPULATION	POLICE DEPT. OVERTIME	PROPERTY TAX RATE
Altoona	12,938	\$87,921	\$8.79
Ankeny	36,681	\$195,766	\$10.39
Clive	14,125	\$35,637	\$9.11
Council Bluffs	58,268	\$783,044	\$18.39
Davenport	98,359	\$693,618	\$15.24
Des Moines	194,163	\$1,967,247	\$16.52
Dubuque	57,666	\$398,566	\$9.70
Indianola	14,156	\$28,238	\$11.90
Iowa City	63,000	\$339,458	\$17.73
Johnston	13,596	\$56,674	\$10.74
Norwalk	8,200	[\$9,386	\$12.43
Sioux City	85,013	\$482,072	\$17.97
Urbandale	34,696	\$119,712	\$9.07
Waukee	9,213	\$31,113	\$13.50
West Des Moin		\$225,406	\$11.73
Windsor Height		\$34,603	\$12.63

Information from 2005-06 liscal year

Sources: City governments and lowa Department of Management

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## Overtime costs stack up

lowa communities paid their city employees millions of dollars in overtime pay and granted them thousands of hours in compensation time. Public works and public safety employees received the most in overtime.

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CITY	POPULATION	OVERTIME PAY	COMP. VALUE	TOTAL
Altoona	12,938	\$147,084	\$59,714	\$206,798
Ankeny	36,681	\$364,087	\$139,173	\$503,250
Clive -	14,125	\$99,549	N/A	\$99,549
Council Bluffs	58,268	\$1,445,158	N/A	\$1,445,158
Davenport	98,359	\$1,653,402	N/A	\$1,653,402
Des Moines	194,163	\$2,938,185	\$3,362,896	\$6,300,281
Dubuque	57,686	\$1,131.657	\$281,498	\$1,413,155
Indianola	14,156	\$106,372	\$54,117	\$160,489
lowa City	63,000	\$1,030,033	N/A	\$1,030,033
Johnston	13,596	\$81,207	N/A	\$81,207
Norwalk	8,200	\$11,132	\$28,519	\$39,651
Sioux City	85,013	\$1,329,926	\$342,146	\$1,672,072
Urbandale	34,696	\$252,440	\$72,677	\$325,117
Waukee	9,213	\$109,929	\$36,285	\$146,214
West Des Moine	s 52,768	\$620,662	\$416,684	\$1.037,346
Windsor Height:	s 4,805	\$39,996	N/A	\$39,996

Notes: Clive's overtime information is for calendar year 2005. All numbers are rounded N/A: Some cities do not track or could not provide compensation hine.

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Aviation	\$240,733	\$10,618	\$251,351
City Clerk	\$113	\$2,228	\$2,341

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"To the point where you become overtime-saturated, then I think it begins to pay a toll on the personnel, and I think we're getting very close to that," McCarthy said "I think eventually we're going to have to look at "hiring more officers.

Clark said using the \$2 milhon in overtime to hire more police officers would not "pencil out."

"You've still go these special events that occur," he said, "When the event occurs it takes a lot of people power

The choice is made easier by a hiring freeze officials enacted earlier this year that will likely stay in place. The city could face more budget woes because roughly \$15 million a year is at stake in a court battle over utility franchise fees.

Des Moines' utility franchise fee for natural gas and electricity, was hoosted from 1 percent to 5 percent over the past two years, but the increase. I and potential revenue to the city is on hold pending the outcome of a lawsuit to stop the

higher fee Officer Stew Barnes, president of the Des Moanes police union, said officers volunteer to work extra shifts for special

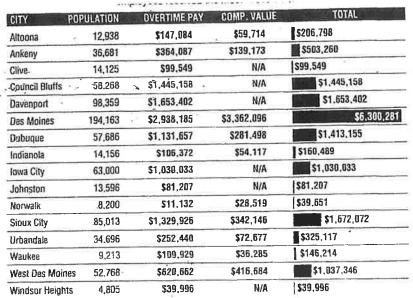
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"Do we need to bire more of ficers" We absolutely do," said Barnes, who worked 33 hours and received \$850 in overtime last year "But it's not just fied to the need to provide service for special events. It's to provide service to life entire city 24 hours a day"

Reporter Melissa Walker can be reached at (515) 284-8451 or mewalker@dmreg.com



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City Manager	\$1,456	\$1,865	\$3,321
Community Development	\$34,200	\$68.778	\$102,978
Engineering	\$108,092	\$78,933	\$187,025
Finance	\$0	\$3,343	\$3.343
Fire	\$176,021	\$52,884	\$228,905
Housing Services	\$54,653	\$19,981	\$74.634
Human Resources	\$0	\$990	\$990
Human Rights	\$0	\$2,231	\$2,231
Information Technology	\$4,652	\$33,110	\$37,762
Legal	20	\$243	\$243
Library	\$9,658	\$0	\$9.658
Mayor and Council	\$0	\$650.	\$650
Parks and Recreation	\$59,550	\$265,200	\$324,750
Police	\$1,967,247	\$1,814,227	\$3,781,474
Public Works	\$205,072	\$824,948	\$1,030,020
Wastewater Reclamation Auth	\$74,874	\$161,106	\$235,980
Miscellaneous	\$1,964	\$20.761	\$22,725
TOTALS	\$2,938,185	\$3,362,096	\$6,300,281

Source City governments

# Adding up overtime

WHO GETS IT: Payroll information from 16 cities for the past budget year shows police (jublic works) planning and public safety departments spent the most un overtime.

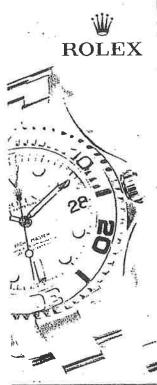
WHY: Tom Bredeweg of the towa League of Cities said it's logical those employees-would receive the most overlime because of the nature of their jobs street crews work no matter what time of day a large snowsform hits, and police officers work extra time if an incident happens late in a shift

SUBURBS: Many of Des Moines' growing suburbs paid over lime to employees in community development and planning departments. Urbandale's building and engineering departments received enough overtime pay last year, about \$101,500 that officials decided to hire a new employee. One building inspector worked almost 300 hours of overlame last year

ELSEWHERE: City governments nationwide have cracked down on overtime pay. Pittsburgh officials this year decided to closely examine overtime after some firelighters carned more than \$100,000 in safatry. In Washington, D.C., City Council members pledged to crack down on overtime because more than \$00 employees made more than \$100,009.

IOWA: Most larger cities — Davenport, Des Moines, Dubuque, Council Bluffs and Stoux City paid more than S1 million in overtime Iowa City paid roughty S1 million in overtime, however, an accounting official saut many of the extra hours

paid more man st thining introvertime, however, an accounting official said many of the extra hours could be attributed to cleanup from last spring's tornadoes that destroyed areas of the city.



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## **CHAPTER 411 CONTRIBUTION RATE HISTORY**

		employer employee		age as of 07/01				
		rate	rate	45	46	47	48	49
	07/01/79 - 06/30/82		2.21%					
	07/01/82 - 06/30/90		3.10%					
FY 1991	07/01/90 - 06/30/91		4.10%	5.10%	6.10%	7.10%	8.10%	9.10%
FY 1992	07/01/91 - 12/31/91		5.10%	6.10%	7.10%	8.10%	9.10%	
	01/01/92 - 06/30/92	17.00%	5.10%	6.10%	7.10%	8.10%	9.10%	
FY 1993	07/01/92 - 10/15/92	17.00%	6.10%	7.10%	8.10%	9.10%		
	10/16/92 - 06/30/93	17.00%	6.10%					
FY 1994	07/01/93 - 06/30/94	19.66%	7.10%					
FY 1995	07/01/94 - 12/31/94	18.71%	8.10%					
FY 1996	01/01/95 - 06/30/95	18.71%	8.35%					
FY 1997	07/01/95 - 06/30/96	17.66%	9.35%					
	07/01/96 - 06/30/97	17.00%	9.35%					
FY 1998	07/01/97 - 06/30/98	17.00%	9.35%					
FY 1999	07/01/98 - 06/30/99	17.00%	9.35%					
FY 2000	07/01/99 - 06/30/00	17.00%	9.35%					
FY 2001	07/01/00 - 06/30/01	17.00%	9.35%					
FY 2002	07/01/01 - 06/30/02	17.00%	9.35%					
FY 2003	07/01/02 - 06/30/03	17.00%	9.35%					
FY 2004	07/01/03 - 06/30/04	20.48%	9.35%					
FY 2005	07/01/04 - 06/30/05	24.92%	9.35%					
FY 2006	07/01/05 - 06/30/06	28.21%	9.35%					
FY 2007	07/01/06 - 06/30/07	27.75%	9.35%					
FY 2008	07/01/07 - 06/30/08	25.48%	9.35%					
FY 2009	07/01/08 - 06/30/09	18.75%	9.35%					
FY 2010	07/01/09 - 06/30/10	17.00%	9.35%					

## SELECTED CITIES RATES AND AVERAGE ALL SYSTEMS

(non-audited)

		Cedar Rapids	Davenport	DSM	Sioux City	Waterloo	AVERAGE ALL 87
1991							SYSTEMS
1001	police fire	0.00% 3.53%	24.72% 28.15%	20.76% 17.21%	22.05% 24.43%	18.05% 15.25%	17.82% 19.32%
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	police	8.04%	27.82%	24.92%	30.44%	20.83%	NA
	fire	13.38%	32.57%	21.73%	33.67%	22.59%	NA

## **CHAPTER 411 STATE APPROPRIATION HISTORY**

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Fiscal Year	Appropriation
1993	\$2,942,726
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2010	\$2,528,798 Estimat